

Welcome to the *Disability Visibility Podcast* Resource Guide!

This guide will point you to all 100 episodes of the *Disability Visibility Podcast*, a production of the Disability Visibility Project. Each entry contains links to episode audio, two types of text transcripts, brief episode info, and more links related to the guests or topics. Be sure to visit the show page for each episode on the website for more info, pictures with image descriptions, and more.

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About the Disability Visibility Podcast

This is life from a disabled lens. *Disability Visibility* is a podcast hosted by San Francisco night owl [Alice Wong](#) featuring conversations on politics, culture, and media with disabled people. If you're interested in disability rights, social justice, and intersectionality, this show is for you. It's time to hear more disabled people in podcasting and radio. Named one of the [15 best podcasts by women](#) that you're not listening to by Refinery 29 in 2021.

Disability Visibility is a production of the [Disability Visibility Project](#), an online community dedicated to creating, sharing, and amplifying disability media and culture.

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[Ep 1: Activism and the Disability Community with Gregg Beratan and Andrew Pulrang](#)

Episode Info

September 13, 2017

Guests Andrew Pulrang and Gregg Beratan are co-partners in Crip The Vote, [an online movement](#) encouraging the political participation of disabled people. A look back at the attempt to repeal and replace the ACA, Medicaid, and activism, especially the activism by ADAPT.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

#CripTheVote: CripTheVote.blogspot.com

ADAPT: ADAPT.org

[Disabled Americans Have the Most to Fear Under Republicare.](#) Esquire, March 8, 2017, s.e. smith

[Wheelchair users dragged away from McConnell's office for protesting health care bill.](#) Think Progress, July 22, 2017, E.A. Crunden

[The Power of ADAPT.](#) Disability Visibility Project, September 11, 2017, Alice Wong

[Ep 2: Immigration and Disability with Alicia Contreras and Michelle Garcia](#)

Episode Info

September 24, 2017

This episode is on immigration and the Latinx disability community. Alice talks with two activists from Chicago and Oakland, Michelle Garcia and Alicia Contreras, about immigration, deportation, the current political climate, and what disabled Latinx immigrants are experiencing right now. This episode was recorded before the Sept. 5, 2017 announcement by the Trump administration to end DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation](#) (Oakland, CA)

[Access Living](#) (Chicago, IL)

[Coalition Nacional para Latinxs con Discapacidades \(National Coalition for Latinxs with Disabilities\)](#)

Access Living. (August 29, 2017). [Passage of Trust Act a victory for immigrants with disabilities.](#)

Hurtado, Fernando. (September 1, 2017). [For 'Dreamers' with disabilities, it's more than a DACA work permit on the line.](#) Circa.com

Ep 3: Assistive Technology with Lateef McLeod and Jessie Lorenz

Episode Info

October 1, 2017

This episode is on assistive technology. Alice talks with Lateef McLeod and Jessie Lorenz about assistive technology, how it impacts their lives, and the barriers disabled people face accessing assistive technology.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[Lateef McLeod's website](#)

[Allen Temple Baptist Church: Persons with Disabilities Ministry \(Oakland, CA\)](#)

[International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication](#)

[Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco \(ILRCFSF\)](#)

[ILRCFSF Nick Feldman Device Lending Library](#)

[Aira.io: Visual interpreter for the blind](#)

Ep 4: Disabled People in Media and Journalism with s.e. smith and Vilissa Thompson

Episode Info

October 8, 2017

Alice talks with social justice journalist s.e. smith and Vilissa Thompson, a disability rights consultant, writer, and advocate about disabled people in media and representation and how editors and newsrooms can improve media coverage of disabled people and what they can do to increase newsroom disability diversity.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[Ramp Your Voice!](#)

[Disabled Writers, a resource to help editors connect with disabled writers and journalists, and journalists connect with disabled sources.](#)

[s.e. smith's website](#)

[Ep 5: “Orphan Black,” Reproductive Justice, & Disabled Women with Maelee Johnson & Rebecca Cokley](#)

Episode Info

October 15, 2017

This episode celebrates the science fiction drama *Orphan Black* (BBC America), which ended in the summer of 2017. Alice talks with superfans Maelee Johnson and Rebecca Cokley about eugenics, autonomy, technology, reproductive justice, feminism, and how the show resonates with them as disabled women.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[“Orphan Black” \(BBC America\)](#)

[Link to article about themes and ideas in the Final Season of “Orphan Black.”](#) Biopolitical Times. Cussins, Jessica. (August 7, 2017).

[Ep 6: Labor, Care Work, & Disabled Queer Femmes with Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha & Stacey Milbern](#)

Episode Info

October 22, 2017

Today’s episode is on labor, care work, and disabled queer femmes. Writer and cultural worker Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha and social justice activist Stacey Milbern join Alice in a conversation about emotional and other forms of labor performed by disabled people and the crip wealth we generate as a community for one another.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[A Modest Proposal For A Fair Trade Emotional Labor Economy \(Centered By Disabled, Femme of Color, Working Class/Poor Genius\).](#) Bitch Media. Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha. (July 13, 2017).

[A Life of My Own Terms, Thanks to Medicaid.](#) ACLU blog. Stacey Milbern. (July 13, 2017).

[Ep 7: Violence and Disabled People with Mahdia Lynn and Dustin Gibson](#)

Episode Info

October 29, 2017

Today's episode is on violence and disabled people. Activists Mahdia Lynn and Dustin Gibson join Alice for a conversation about police violence toward people with disabilities, police accountability, prison abolition, pathologization of disabled people in the media and the power of communities in response to pain and trauma.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[Harriet Tubman Collective](#): A Collective of Black Deaf & Black Disabled organizers, community builders, activists, dreamers, lovers striving for radical inclusion and collective liberation.

[Masjid al-Rabia](#): A women-centered, LGBTQIA+ affirming mosque providing Spiritual Support for Marginalized Muslims.

[Ep 8: Disabled People in Public Service with Maria Town and Walei Sabry](#)

Episode Info

November 6, 2017

Today's episode is on disabled people in public service. Maria Town, Director of the Mayor's Office on People with Disabilities for the City of Houston and Walei Sabry, Housing Coordinator for the New York City Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and Digital Accessibility Coordinator for the NYC Department of Information Technology and Telecommunication join Alice for a conversation on the importance of public service and the major issues facing disability communities in Houston and NYC.

Transcript

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[City of Houston: Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities](#)

[New York City: Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities](#)

[Texas Faces A Critical Shortage of Personal Care Attendants](#). Texas Standard. Buchanan, Taylor Jackson. (August 21, 2017).

[Disabled NYers File Class Action Lawsuit Against MTA Over Inaccessible Subway Stations](#). Gothamist. Colon, David. (April 26, 2017).

[Ep 9: Medicaid and Community Living with Dominick Evans and Andraéa LaVant](#)

Episode Info

November 13, 2017

Today's episode is on Medicaid and Community Living. Alice is joined by filmmaker, writer, activist Dominick Evans and non-profit program specialist, activist, fashionista Andraéa LaVant about their experiences with Medicaid in their respective states, Ohio and Maryland, and how they rely on personal care services to take care of themselves and participate in their communities.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[Community Living Policy Center](#), University of California, San Francisco

[Trump's Budget and the AHCA will Lead to Another Disabled Genocide](#). DominickEvans.com Evans, Dominick. (June 15, 2017).

[Congress: Medicaid Allows Me to Have a Job and Live Independently](#). American Civil Liberties Union. LaVant, Andraéa. (March 22, 2017).

[Why Americans With Disabilities Fear Medicaid Cuts](#). The Atlantic. Raff, Jeremy. (July 10, 2017).

[Trump's America Not So Great for People with Disabilities](#). Human Rights Watch. Ríos Espinosa, Carlos. (May 2, 2017).

[My Medicaid, My Life](#). The New York Times. Wong, Alice. (May 3, 2017).

[Ep 10: Deaf and Disabled Women on YouTube with Rikki Poynter and Annie Segarra](#)

Episode Info

November 19, 2017

Today's episode features two Deaf and disabled media makers on YouTube: Rikki Poynter and Annie Segarra. Rikki and Annie talk about the creative process and work behind creating accessible videos, finding community on YouTube, their activism, and more.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[Annie's Tumblr](#) Annie's Tumblr

[The Future Is Accessible t-shirts for sale](#) The Future Is Accessible t-shirts for sale

[Rikki Poynter's website](#) Rikki's website

[No More C captions t-shirts for sale](#)

[Ep 11: Crip Bodies and Crip Aging with Patty Berne and Leroy Moore](#)

Episode Info

November 26, 2017

Today's episode is about crip bodies and crip aging. Alice speaks with Patty Berne and Leroy Moore, two people who have a lot of wisdom to share about their bodies, aging, valuing and treasuring the elders in our communities, and more.

FYI on the word "crip": It is used deliberately in this episode because there is something culturally specific about celebrating disabled bodies that's rooted in pride and in direct opposition to the forces that tell us that our bodies are not enough. To crip something is to imbue it with disability culture. For more, check out [this description of crip theory](#) from Wright State University.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[Sins Invalid](#), "a performance project that incubates and celebrates artists with disabilities, centralizing artists of color and queer and gender-variant artists as communities who have been historically marginalized."

[@SinsInvalid](#) Twitter page

[Krip-Hop Nation](#): Its mission is "to educate the music, media industries and general public about the talents, history, rights and marketability of Hip-Hop artists and other musicians with disabilities."

[@kriphopnation](#) Twitter page

[Ep 12: Advocacy, Intersectionality and Mental Health with Victoria Rodríguez-Roldán](#)

Episode Info

December 3, 2017

Today's episode is on advocacy, intersectionality and mental health with Victoria Rodríguez-Roldán, Director of the Trans/Gender Nonconforming Justice Project and the Disability Justice Project at the [National LGBTQ Task Force](#). Victoria and Alice have a conversation about social justice, the politics of hypervisibility, the toxic aspects of activism, transgender mental health, and healthcare discrimination, and more.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[National LGBTQ Task Force](#)

[Trans Lifeline](#)

[National Transgender Discrimination Survey](#) (2010)

[U.S. Transgender Survey, National Center for Transgender Equality](#) (2015)

[Ep 13: Autonomy and Disabled People with Kim Sauder](#)

Episode Info

December 10, 2017

Today's episode is on autonomy with Kim Sauder, a blogger and PhD student in critical disability studies who is passionate about disability rights, activism, advocacy and scholarship. Kim and Alice talk about privacy, sexuality, decision-making, disabled bodies on display in healthcare settings, the delights of non-compliance, and of course, ableism. Basically, a lot of good stuff.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[Kim Sauder's blog CrippledScholar](#)

[Issues of Disabled Sexuality and Consent: When Parents Get Involved in Their Children's Sex Lives](#) (Kim Sauder, July 9, 2017).

[Undesirable: Toxic Romantic Dreams, Disability, Sexuality and Relationships](#) (Kim Sauder, July 15, 2017).

[Ep 14: Emergency Preparedness with Alecia Deon and Angela Wigglesworth](#)

Episode Info

December 16, 2017

Today's episode is about emergency preparedness and disabled people. Evacuation and preparedness doesn't look the same for people with disabilities, and you'll hear about it with Alice's two guests: Alecia Deon and Angela Wigglesworth. Alecia lives in the Miami area and did not evacuate during Hurricane Irma. Angela, a resident of Houston, shared her story evacuating out of her home during Hurricane Harvey as the waters reached into her home.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[Irma is 'not a storm you can sit and wait through.' What if that's your only option?](#) ThinkProgress.org; Engtralgo, Rebekah. (September 8, 2017).

[National Council on Disability: Publications on Emergency Management](#)

[Portlight Inclusive Disaster Strategies](#) (Now known as the Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies)

[You Find Out Your Friend and Fellow-Wheelchair User Has Been Rescued From Hurricane Harvey-Related Flooding.](#) New Mobility magazine (October 2017).

[Ep 15: Star Trek: Discovery with Day Al-Mohamed and Andrew Pulrang](#)

Episode Info

January 1, 2018

Today's episode is about the television show, [Star Trek: Discovery](#). Guests Andrew Pulrang and Day Al-Mohamed join Alice in a conversation about disability representation, what we hope to see the from the show in the future, and why science fiction is political. If you're not into science fiction, give this a listen and consider exploring the *Star Trek* universe. Spoiler alert: we will discuss characters and plot points from the first nine episodes of *Star Trek: Discovery*.

Transcripts

[Google Doc](#) and [PDF](#)

Related Links

[Star Trek: Discovery \(one-month free trial on CBS All Access\)](#)

[Did Star Trek: Discovery Just Introduce a Recurring Character on the Autism Spectrum?](#) TheMarySue.com Jusino, Teresa. (October 2, 2017).

[Set Phasers to Inclusion: Disabled Trekkies Talk Star Trek.](#) Bitch Media, smith, s.e. (September 7, 2016).

[Star Trek Was Among the Best Franchises at Representing People With Disabilities—Until Star Trek Beyond.](#) Slate.com, Martinelli, Marissa. (July 26, 2016).

[Ep 16: Disabled Filmmakers with Jen Brea and Jim LeBrecht](#)

Episode Info

January 15, 2018

There are very few disability documentaries directed, written, or produced by disabled people. Today's episode features a conversation with two filmmakers: Jen Brea of *Unrest* and Jim LeBrecht of *Crip Camp*. Jen and Jim talk about their films, the power of disability narratives, the importance of documenting our disability communities and cultures, and how the filmmaking community needs to be more inclusive.

Transcripts

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[A Place at the Table: Doc Filmmakers with Disabilities on Building Careers and Disproving Stereotypes.](#) Documentary Magazine. James LeBrecht. (January 8, 2018).

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[Ep 17: Invisible Disabilities with Tiffany Peterson and Linda Williams](#)

Episode Info

January 29, 2018

Today's episode is about invisible disabilities with Tiffany Peterson and Linda Williams. Tiffany and Linda share their lived experiences as women with invisible disabilities, the misconceptions about invisible disabilities, and the need for language and symbols about disability that we can all identify with, such as iridescent amoebas giving side-eye (listen to find out more).

Transcripts

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[Ep 18: Accessibility and the ADA with Lia Seth and Dara Baldwin](#)

Episode Info

February 11, 2018

Today's episode is about accessibility and the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) with Lia Seth and Dara Baldwin. Lia shares her experiences navigating public spaces as person with an invisible disability. Dara, a disability rights policy analyst, gives an overview of HR 620, the [ADA Education & Reform Act of 2017](#), and what's at stake for the disability community.

Transcripts

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[Ep 19: Storytelling with Cuquis Robledo and Emily Ladau](#)

Episode Info

February 25, 2018

Today's episode is about storytelling with Cuquis Robledo and Emily Ladau who both work at Rooted in Rights, a media organization that produces stories on disability rights issues. They will share what makes a good story, ways storytellers can engage an audience effectively, and why authentic and accessible disabled media is so important.

Transcripts

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Related Links

[Rooted in Rights](#)

[Latest videos by Rooted in Rights](#)

[Rooted in Rights: Submit a blog idea](#)

[Ep 20: Asian American Women and Mental Health with Emily Wu Truong and Jessica Gimeno](#)

Episode Info

March 11, 2018

Today's episode is about Asian American women and mental health with guests Emily Wu Truong and Jessica Gimeno. You'll hear Emily and Jessica talk about their personal stories, experiences within Asian American communities, and their mental health advocacy.

Content note: Please be aware that there will be discussions of suicide and suicide attempts. For help, call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255. They offer services in 150 languages, and there is a chat option.

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[Ep 21: Disabled Comedians with Maysoon Zayid and Danielle Perez](#)

Episode Info

March 25, 2018

Today's episode is damn funny with comedians Maysoon Zayid and Danielle Perez. Maysoon and Danielle share how they got started in comedy, the barriers they face in the entertainment industry, what they find funny, and the role of comedians in resisting oppression.

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[Ep 22: Public Transit with Alejandra Ospina and Maria Sotnikova](#)

Episode Info

April 8, 2018

It's easy to complain about public transit, but for so many populations, it's the only option available. Today's episode is about public transit focusing on two systems: MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority) and the MTA (Metropolitan Transportation Authority) in New York City. Maria Sotnikova and Alejandra Ospina share their experiences using these two systems and larger systemic issues about accessibility and infrastructure.

Transcripts

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[Ep 23: Paratransit with Denise DiNoto and Jess Moyer](#)

Episode Info

April 22, 2018

Today's episode is about [paratransit](#) with guests Denise DiNoto and Jess Moyer. Our last episode was about [public transit](#), and paratransit is specific type taken by some people with disabilities and older adults. Denise and Jessica share their experiences using paratransit services from their local communities and how much labor they expend just to be able to go out and do what they want to do.

Transcripts

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[Guide to Access-A-Ride Service \(New York City\)](#)

[STAR Program \(Albany, NY area\)](#)

[Federal Transit Administration. FAQ: Paratransit](#)

[Ep 24: Disability Justice and Community Organizing with Sarah Jama](#)

Episode Info

May 6, 2018

Today's episode is about activism, disability justice, and community organizing. My guest is Sarah Jama, an organizer focused on disability justice and anti-racism based in Hamilton, Ontario. You'll hear how Sarah became an activist, the various approaches she uses in her work, how she learned about disability justice, and some of the major issues facing Canadians with disabilities.

*Please note there will be discussions of eugenics, sexual assault, violence, and institutionalization.

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Related Links

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[Ep 25: Disabled Actors with Shannon Devido and Ryan J. Haddad](#)

Episode Info

May 20, 2018

Today's episode features a conversation with two disabled actors working in New York City: [Shannon Devido](#) and [Ryan Haddad](#). Both are triple threats—actors, writers, and performers. You'll hear them talk about why they love acting and how they broke into the entertainment industry. We also discuss disability representation in media and why actually disabled actors should play disabled characters.

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Related Links

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[Ep 26: Future of Independent Living with Allie Cannington and Eli Gelardin](#)

Episode Info

June 3, 2017

Today's episode is on the future of independent living with [Eli Gelardin](#) and [Allie Cannington](#). Independent Living is a philosophy and a movement driven by people with disabilities that started in the 1960s. As a result, Centers for Independent Living formed to provide peer-based services, with hundreds currently all over the United States. Eli and Allie will describe what CILs do and their role in disability communities across the country and world. They'll also discuss current challenges and their vision for the future of independent living.

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Related Links

[National Council on Independent Living](#)

[We Can't Breathe: The Deaf & Disabled Margin of Police Brutality Project by Keri Gray and Dustin Gibson.](#)

[Marin Center for Independent Living](#)

[Olivia Donna Gelardin was Exquisite.](#)

[Disability Justice Is LGBT Justice: A Conversation with Movement Leaders.](#)

[The Disability Rights and Independent Living Movement.](#)

[A Brief History of the Independent Living Movement.](#)

[Ep 27: Chronic Pain with Alecia Deon and Sarah Blahovec](#)

Episode Info

June 17, 2018

Today's episode is on chronic pain with guests Alecia Deon and Sarah Blahovec. I interviewed Alecia previously for [Episode 14 on emergency preparedness](#), and the conversation continued about her experiences getting prescription medications and accessing healthcare as a person with sickle cell anemia. You're going to hear about that in this episode. Sarah shares some of the major misconceptions about living with pain and recent efforts by pharmacies and the government to limit prescription painkillers. Alecia and Sarah describe the stigma and shame that pain patients face and the numerous hurdles they encounter when seeking pain treatment.

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Related Links

[CVS's New Opioid Policy Does Nothing to Solve Addiction While Negatively Impacting Pain Patients](#)

[#CripTheVote Twitter Chat on Opioids and Chronic Pain](#)

[Black patients half as likely to receive pain medication as white patients, study finds](#)

[Backlash over opioid crisis hurting chronic pain patients: Quebec study](#)

[Chronic Pain, and the Denial of Care for Black Women](#)

[What We Lose When We Undertreat Pain](#)

[Study Links Disparities in Pain Management to Racial Bias](#)

[Responses to the Opioid Crisis Must Account for People Who Experience Chronic Pain](#)

[The Long History of Discrimination in Pain Medicine](#)

[Ep 28: Disabled People in STEM with Liz Henry, Jennison Asuncion and Josh Miele](#)

Episode Info

July 2, 2018

Today's episode features disabled people in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), with guests Liz Henry, Jennison Asuncion, and Josh Miele. They share how they got into tech, their STEM educational experiences, and their recommendations on how the tech community can improve the recruitment and retention of disabled people. This episode's conversation comes from a panel I moderated at the headquarters of Pandora celebrating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on November 28, 2017. Thank you to Henry Lu of Pandora for hosting us!

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Related Links

[Bay Area Accessibility and Inclusive Design Meetup Group](#)

[DO-IT \(Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology\) Center, University of Washington](#)

[Global Accessibility Awareness Day](#)

[Empowering Individuals with Physical Disabilities in Higher Education and STEM](#)

[Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering](#)

[The Smith-Kettlewell Eye Research Institute Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center](#)

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[Ep 29: Robotics with Kavita Krishnaswamy](#)

Episode Info

July 17, 2018

Today's episode is about robotics, featuring an interview with [Kavita Krishnaswamy](#), a Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Kavita will share how she got into robotics and the access barriers she faces in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) as a student and researcher. As a person with [spinal muscular atrophy](#), Kavita will also talk about the potential of robots providing assistance and greater independence for people with disabilities.

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[Beam Telepresence Robots](#)

[University of Washington's DO-IT \(Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology\) Center](#)

[Breaking down barriers to computer science for students with disabilities](#)

[IEEE \(Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers\) Robot Challenge, Baltimore, MD](#)

[Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement](#)

[How Kavita Uses Beam to Pursue a PhD and See the World](#)

[Tech Jobs: The Future is Now](#)

[Ep 30: Film Criticism with Kristen Lopez and Angelo Muredda](#)

Episode Info

July 29, 2018

Today's episode is about film criticism with two disabled film critics, [Kristen Lopez](#) and [Angelo Muredda](#). Kristen and Angelo discuss how they became film critics, the challenges of being a disabled film critic, and why film criticism is so slow to change when it comes to inclusion of disabled people in the profession. They also discuss problematic disabled narratives and accessibility at film festivals and movie theaters.

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Related Links

[Fighting for the Right to Accessibility](#)

['There's room for everyone': 14 film critics on making media more inclusive](#)

[Angelo Muredda's profile on Letterboxd](#)

[Where Have You Gone, Stephen Dwoskin? On Disability Film](#)

[Able-bodied actors and disability drag: Why disabled roles are only for disabled performers](#)

[Disability theater access in 2018](#)

[Disabled critics need to be included in the film critic diversity campaign](#)

[Don't look to the movies to learn about disability](#)

[Marvel's 'Ant-Man and the Wasp' and Hollywood's Misunderstanding of Disability](#)

['Skyscraper' is a Surprising Mark of Improvement for Disabled Representation on the Big Screen](#)

[The real reason we need more diversity in film criticism](#)

[Pieces by Angelo Muredda on Cinema-Scope.com](#)

[Ep 31: Disabled Inventors with Jane Hartman Adamé](#)

Episode Info

August 13, 2018

Today's episode is about disabled inventors, featuring an interview with Jane Hartman Adamé, Co-Founder and Co-Inventor of Keela Cup, a new menstrual cup designed for all types of bodies and abilities. Along with Co-Founder and Co-Inventor Andy Miller, Jane designed Keela Cup using what she calls disability-driven design. You'll hear Jane talk about the origins of Keela Cup, the importance of controlling your own narrative, and how her recent diagnosis of Ehlers Danlos Syndrome changed the trajectory of Jane's life and career as an entrepreneur. This interview was originally recorded at StoryCorps on February 2, 2018 as part of the Disability Visibility Project.

Transcripts

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Related Links

[I Designed a Menstrual Cup That's Easier for Disabled People to Use](#)

[Including Disability to Drive Innovation](#)

[Solving Through Listening: Crowdsourcing Design Solutions](#)

[Breaking Down the Wall of Exclusion](#)

[Imagine Otherwise: Aimi Hamraie on the Politics of Disability and Design](#)

[The Disabled List, a disability self advocacy organization that is creating pathways into design for disabled people](#)

[Ep 32: Disabled Refugees with Mansha Mirza](#)

Episode Info

August 27, 2018

Today's episode is about disabled refugees, featuring an interview with [Dr. Mansha Mirza](#), Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Along with [Dr. Rooshey Hasnain](#), Mansha is Co-Principal Investigator for a project called PRIDE, Partners of Refugees in Illinois Disability Employment. PRIDE aims to support Illinois-based job-seeking refugees with disabilities in accessing employment and career opportunities. Mansha will talk about this project, the needs of refugees with disabilities in Illinois, and what we all can do to help welcome refugees in our community.

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Related Links

[Partners of Refugees in Illinois Disability Employment](#)

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[Pigeonhole Podcast Episode 3: Refugees with disabilities](#)

[Migrants and refugees with disabilities must be priority in new Global Compact on Migration](#)

[Refugees and migrants with disabilities](#)

[Women's Refugee Commission: Disability](#)

[Yemeni family 'hopeless' after disabled daughter denied US visa](#)

[Crossing Divides: Austrian group helps deaf refugees learn sign language](#)

[Resource Guide for Serving Refugees with Disabilities](#)

[Ep 33: Disabled Musicians with Gaelynn Lea](#)

Episode Info

September 10, 2018

Today's episode features an interview with musician, performer, and songwriter [Gaelynn Lea](#), winner of [NPR's Tiny Desk contest in 2016](#). Gaelynn talks about her activism, what it's like on the road, accessibility in music venues as a disabled performer, and her new album [Learning How to Stay](#), which came out on September 7th, 2018.

Transcripts

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Related Links

[Tiny Desk Contest Winner Gaelynn Lea Returns With New Music](#)

[Violinist Gaelynn Lea Champions Disability Rights, but Music Comes First](#)

[Half Access](#), an organization dedicated to making live music accessible

[Accessibility and the Kids Who Go to Shows](#)

[Punk's Ethos of Inclusivity Leaves Out One Major Group](#)

[Ep 34: Intersectionality with Sandy Ho and Jean-Luc Pierite](#)

Episode Info

September 24, 2018

Today's episode is about intersectionality with Sandy Ho and Jean-Luc Pierite. Jean-Luc works at the [Fab Foundation](#), a non-profit based in Boston and is the President of the Board of Directors for the [North American Indian Center of Boston](#). Sandy is a community organizer and the founder of the [Disability & Intersectionality Summit](#), which will take place on October 13th in Cambridge Massachusetts with [an affiliate event in Berkeley, California](#). Both Sandy and Jean-Luc will share what intersectionality means to them and their involvement with the Summit.

Transcripts

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Related Links

[Why intersectionality can't wait](#)

[Demarginalizing the Intersection of Race and Sex: A Black Feminist Critique of Antidiscrimination Doctrine, Feminist Theory and Antiracist Politics](#)

["Black Feminist Thought in the Matrix of Domination"](#)

[This Founder Creates Conversations On Disability And Intersectionality](#)

[Disability & Intersectionality Summit: Interview w/ Sandy Ho](#)

[Disability & Intersectionality Summit: Holly Pearson and Lydia X. Z. Brown](#)

[Ep 35: Mentoring with Yolanda Vargas and Judy Heumann](#)

Episode Info

October 7, 2018

Did you know that the third Wednesday of every October is [Disability Mentoring Day](#)? This day is connected to month-long activities for the [National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#). Today's episode is about mentoring, featuring two dynamic disabled mentors: Yolanda Vargas and Judy Heumann. Yolanda and Judy share what mentoring means to them, their experiences mentoring others, and the mentors they had throughout their lives. Intergenerational conversations are so important, and I am thankful for this opportunity to learn from both Judy and Yolanda.

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[2018 Disability Mentoring Day Events](#) (American Association of People with Disabilities)

[Disability Mentoring Day](#)

[National Disability Employment Awareness Month](#)

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[Youth Leadership Forum](#)

[National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth](#)

[Partners for Youth with Disabilities, Online Mentoring](#)

[Lives Worth Living](#)

[The Heumann Perspective](#)

[Our fight for disability rights — and why we're not done yet.](#)

[Judy Heumann Fights for People with Disabilities](#)

[Ep 36: Disabled Entrepreneurs with Tinu Abayomi-Paul and Mary, Hannah & Emma Layden](#)

Episode Info

October 21, 2018

Today's episode is about disabled entrepreneurs. First, I talk with 3 sisters in business together: Mary, Hannah, Emma Layden about their business, [love♥bili♥nyc](#), an apparel company that promotes disability awareness and empowerment. Next, I talk with Tinu Abayomi-Paul who runs a business called Leveraged Promotion and [blogs various tips and resources](#) for disabled entrepreneurs. Mary, Hannah, Emma, and Tinu share how they started their businesses and offer a lot of great practical advice if you are considering starting something or just curious.

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[There is a record number of disabled entrepreneurs in the UK. This isn't progress – it's out of necessity](#)

love♥bili♥nyc ([website](#))

Instagram: [@lovebilinyc](#)

[Spoonie Entrepreneurs](#)

[Chicagoland Entrepreneurship Education for People with Disabilities](#)

[Self Employment & Entrepreneurship](#)

[Small Business Development Center](#)

[Ep 37: Political Participation with Reyma McCoy McDeid and Sarah Funes](#)

Episode Info

November 4, 2018

Today's episode is about political participation, featuring interviews with two disabled activists. First, I speak with Reyma McCoy McDeid, Executive Director of the Central Iowa Center for Independent Living in Des Moines and a former candidate for state legislature. Reyma shares her experiences running for office in Iowa and the importance of creating structural changes to encourage more disabled people to consider running. Next, I speak with Sarah Funes, a recent graduate of UC Berkeley who is very active with get out the vote efforts locally in the San Francisco Bay Area. Sarah talks about her activism during her time as a college student at UC Berkeley and her current work increasing voter turnout and registration.

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[Candidates with Disabilities Running for Office in 2018 and 2019](#)

[These female candidates are fighting for the right to use campaign funds for child care](#)

[Hell-bent on getting out the vote](#)

[#CripTheVote, a nonpartisan online movement encouraging the political participation of disabled people](#)

[House District 38: McCoy McDeid faces Matson in Democratic primary](#)

[ADA Generation: Sarah Funes](#)

[Voter turnout markedly low in Tuesday's election](#)

[Before You Judge Her, Meet Sarah](#)

[National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement \(NSLVE\)](#)

[People With Disabilities Are 'Severely Underrepresented in Elected Office.' These Candidates Hope to Change That](#)

[Vote Everywhere Ambassadors](#)

[Voters with Disabilities: Observations on Polling Place Accessibility and Related Federal Guidance](#)

[Recap of #CripTheVote chat on voter mobilization and outreach with guest hosts Sarah Funes & Sarah Blahovec](#)

[Recap of 11/1 #DONetwork Twitter chat on voting rights and accessibility co-hosted by the DO Network and the Disability Visibility Project](#)

[Ep 38: Food Accessibility with Shona Louise](#)

Episode Info

November 19, 2018

Today's episode is about food accessibility with [Shona Louise](#), a disabled writer and activist from the UK. We talk about what food accessibility means for disabled people's independence and health. We also discuss criticisms of pre-cut and prepared foods, and the proposed plastic straw ban in the UK.

Transcripts

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[Ep 39: Sex Education with Julia Bascom and Robin Wilson-Beattie](#)

Episode Info

December 3, 2018

Today's episode is about sex education with Julia Bascom and Robin Wilson-Beattie. Julia and Robin talk about inclusive sex education, bodily autonomy, and the right of all disabled to have pleasure and sexual expression.

Transcripts

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[Ep 40: Disabled Writers with Keah Brown](#)

Episode Info

December 16, 2018

Today's episode is about disabled writers with [Keah Brown](#), journalist, freelance writer, and creator of the hashtag [#DisabledAndCute](#). Keah will talk about representation of disability in media and pop culture, tips for writers starting out, and a little preview of her upcoming book of essays, [The Pretty One](#), coming out in 2019 from [Atria Books](#).

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Episode Info

December 30, 2018

Today's episode is about D/deaf people in prison. My guests are [Claudia Center](#) and [TL Lewis](#). Claudia and TL will talk about a case filed by the ACLU on June 20, 2018, on behalf of 14 D/deaf and hard-of-hearing inmates in *Coen v. Georgia Department of Corrections*. The suit says Georgia is violating the Americans with Disabilities Act and the U.S. Constitution's protections against cruel and unusual punishment because they are denied communication access. TL and Claudia will discuss their role in this case and the major issues facing incarcerated D/deaf and hard-of-hearing people in Georgia and nationally.

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[Ep 42: Employment with Rooshey Hasnain and Kate Caldwell](#)

Episode Info

January 13, 2019

Today's episode is about employment, with two professors from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Rooshey Hasnain will talk about a recent pilot project in partnership with the Illinois Division of Rehabilitation Services called ADOPT (Asians with Disabilities Outreach Project Think-Tank). Kate Caldwell tells me about her research on disabled entrepreneurs with a project called CEED, Chicagoland Entrepreneurship Education for People with Disabilities project. We discuss barriers, underrepresentation, structural issues, the need for research, and more.

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[Ep 43: Disabled “Fakers” with Doron Dorfman](#)

Episode Info

January 27, 2019

Today’s episode is about disabled “fakers,” that is, the misconceptions and stereotypes of disabled people exaggerating or faking their disabilities. I talk with [Doron Dorfman](#), incoming Associate Professor of Law at Syracuse University College of Law, who conducted two case studies on this subject during his time at Stanford Law School. We talk about his research and disability studies at Stanford.

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[Ep 44: Disabled Writers with Carly Findlay](#)

Episode Info

February 10, 2019

Today I talk with [Carly Findlay](#), author of a new book titled “Say Hello,” published by Harper Collins. Based in Melbourne, Australia, Carly is a blogger, writer, speaker, and appearance activist. Carly will talk about her writing career, the politics and pitfalls of visibility, and her writing process for “Say Hello.” Please note: I interviewed Carly in 2018, as she was in the middle of writing her book.

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[Ep 45: Mental Health and People of Color with Dior Vargas](#)

Episode Info

February 23, 2019

Today's episode is about mental health and people of color. My guest today is [Dior Vargas](#), a Latina Feminist Mental Health Activist and the creator of the [People of Color and Mental Illness Photo Project](#). Dior will talk about her photo project which started in 2014 and a new book of photo essays she edited titled, [The Color Of My Mind: Mental Health Narratives from People of Color](#). This book features full page portraits of a wide range of people of color with different mental health disabilities including short quotes about their lives. We also talk about the invisibility of people of color in the media representation of mental illness and the need for greater cultural competence in mental health.

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[Ep 46: Disability Studies with Subini Annamma and Sami Schalk](#)

Episode Info

March 10, 2019

Today's topic is disability studies, featuring a discussion with [Dr. Sami Schalk](#) and [Dr. Subini Annamma](#). Disability studies is an interdisciplinary field that looks at disability from multiple perspectives and approaches. Sami is the author of [Bodyminds Reimagined: \(Dis\)ability, Race, and Gender in Black Women's Speculative Fiction](#) and Subini is the author of [The Pedagogy of Pathologization: Dis/abled Girls of Color in the School-prison Nexus](#). Both will talk about their experiences writing their books, the future of disability studies, and what excites them about teaching and generating knowledge as academics.

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[Ep 47: Design with Liz Jackson](#)

[Episode Info](#)

March 24, 2019

Today's episode is on design with my guest [Liz Jackson](#), co-founder of Project Thisten and founder of The Disabled List, a design organization that engages in disability as a creative practice. Liz will talk about her work with the design community, how material objects are an important part of our self-identity, the limits of building empathy in design, and a series of design fellowships called WITH that places disabled people with top design studios and creative spaces for three-month fellowships.

[Transcripts](#)

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["How Liz Jackson Is Changing The World Of Disability Design,"](#) Brianna Flaherty, September 21, 2018, The Iconic.

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[Ep 48: Care Work with Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha](#)

Episode Info

April 2, 2019

Today's episode is on care work with [Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha](#), a writer, cultural worker, teacher, and trainer based in the Pacific Northwest. Leah will discuss her recent book that came out in October 2018 titled [Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice](#). We talked last fall about the meaning of care work and disability justice and how people practice both in their everyday lives. Please note, throughout the interview, the term DJ refers to disability justice.

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[Ep 49: Young Adult Literature with Marieke Nijkamp](#)

Episode Info

April 21, 2019

Diverse representation in literature is incredibly important for young people in their formative years, and today's episode is all about Young Adult literature. It features an interview with [Marieke Nijkamp](#) editor, author, founder of [DiversifyYA](#), and former senior Vice President of We Need Diverse Books. Marieke and I talked in 2018 about her novel [Before I Let Go](#) and an anthology she edited, [Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens](#).

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[Ep 50: Disabled Lawyers with Hamza Jaka and Britney Wilson](#)

Episode Info

May 6, 2019

Today's episode is about disabled lawyers with Hamza Jaka and Britney Wilson. Hamza is a recent graduate from UC Berkeley's School of Law. Hamza shares with his experiences requesting accommodations for his LSATs, the gatekeeping nature of the legal profession that excludes students with disabilities, and the overall toll of law school, ableism, and capitalism on disabled law students. Britney Wilson is a proud graduate of Howard University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Britney talks about why she wanted to become a lawyer, her experiences during law school, and her commitment to civil and disability rights.

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[Ep 51: Disabled Artists with Jeff Thomas](#)

Episode Info

May 19, 2019

Today's episode features an interview with [Jeff Thomas](#), an urban Iroquois photographer, artist, researcher, public speaker, and curator based in Ottawa, Ontario in Canada. Jeff will talk about racism, indigeneity, colonialism, and how his photography re-contextualizes historical images of First Nations people. We also talk about how art weaves in the past, present, and future.

Transcripts

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[Ep 52: Podcasting with Bri M. and Thomas Reid](#)

Episode Info

June 2, 2019

Today's episode is all about podcasting with two disabled podcasters: Bri M. and Thomas Reid. Bri is the creator of the [Power Not Pity](#) podcast and Thomas is the creator of [Reid My Mind](#). Both Bri and Thomas share why they love podcasting and how this medium allows them to tell stories and connect with people in a new way.

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[Ep 53: Disabled Editors with Elsa Sjunneson-Henry and Dominik Parisien](#)

Episode Info

June 16, 2019

Today's episode features a conversation with two disabled editors and writers: [Elsa Sjunneson-Henry](#) and [Dominik Parisien](#). Elsa and Dominik were guest co-editors in chief of Disabled People Destroy Science Fiction, an issue from [Uncanny Magazine](#) published in 2018 featuring work by disabled writers. Elsa and Dominik talk about their experiences collaborating and editing this issue together, how they approached and worked with disabled writers, and why having disabled editors in publishing matters.

Transcripts

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[Ep 54: Disabled Scientists with Gabi Serrato Marks and Lisette E. Torres](#)

Episode Info

June 30, 2019

Today's episode is about science with two disabled scientists: [Gabi Serrato Marks](#), a PhD Candidate in marine biology, freelance science writer, and patient advocate, and [Lisette E. Torres](#), a trained scientist and disabled scholar-activist whose work focuses on addressing racial and gender inequity and disability in science. Gabi and Lisette talk about the training and education of scientists, barriers disabled people face in science, responsibilities and ethics of scientists, how science can be used as a tool for social change, and the importance of scientists from marginalized communities.

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[Ep 55: Self Advocacy with Finn Gardiner and Noor Pervez](#)

Episode Info

July 14, 2019

There are all kinds of advocacy within the disability community. Self advocacy is one unique type that is grounded in a movement, history, and community of people. Today we're going to explore what self advocacy is with two people who identify as self advocates: [Noor Pervez](#) and [Finn Gardiner](#). You'll hear Noor and Finn talk about how they first learned about the self-advocacy movement and what it meant to them to be self advocates.

Transcripts

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[Ep 56: Parenting with Eliza Hull and Heather Watkins](#)

Episode Info

July 27, 2019

Today's episode is on parenting with [Eliza Hull](#) and [Heather Watkins](#). Eliza is a composer, writer, and producer based in Castlemaine, Victoria, Australia. Most recently Eliza was the [Regional Storyteller Scholarship](#) recipient with the ABC, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, which enabled her to produce an eight-part audio series "We've Got This: Parenting with a Disability" for the ABC. Heather is a Disability Advocate, author, blogger, and proud mother based in the Boston area. Her blog, Slow Walkers See More, includes reflections and insight from her life with disability. Eliza and Heather share their experiences as disabled parents, misconceptions and assumptions about disabled parents, what they love about being parents, and missing narratives about disabled parents in media.

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[Ep 57: Disabled Writers with Nina G](#)

Episode Info

August 11, 2019

Today's episode is with [Nina G](#), a comedian, professional speaker, storyteller, writer, and educator based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Nina will talk about her second book, which came out this August titled, "[Stutterer Interrupted: The Comedian Who Almost Didn't Happen.](#)" Nina will share what it was like writing and editing her book as a person with learning disabilities and how she learned to find her voice and take up space unapologetically as a disabled woman.

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[Ep 58: Twitter Chats with Dawn Gibson and Alex Haagaard](#)

Episode Info

August 25, 2019

Today's episode is with [Dawn Gibson](#) and [Alex Haagaard](#) talking about the Twitter chats they lead. Dawn is the founder of [#SpoonieChat](#), a community on both Twitter and Facebook. Alex is the creator of [#MedTraumaChat](#) that gives people space to share their experiences of medical neglect and abuse. You'll learn more about the origins of their Twitter chats, the utility and power of online communities, and the process and labor involved in moderating these conversations.

Transcripts

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[Ep 59: Comics with Ashanti Fortson and Leroy Moore](#)

Episode Info

September 7, 2019

Today's episode is about comics, with Ashanti Fortson and Leroy Moore. Ashanti is an illustrator and cartoonist with a deep love for kind stories and fantastical settings. Ashanti will talk about fantasy, space travel, queer and disabled characters in comics, and the realities of working in the comics industry. Leroy Moore is the Founder of [Krip-Hop Nation](#), an activist, writer, and performer. He's going to talk about his first ever graphic novel published in February 2019 by Poor Press called *Krip-Hop Graphic Novel Issue 1*.

Transcripts

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[Ep 60: Travel with Bani Amor and Srin Madipalli](#)

Episode Info

September 22, 2019

Today's episode is on travel with [Bani Amor](#) and [Srin Madipalli](#). Bani Amor is a queer travel writer who explores the relationships between race, place, and power. They are going to talk about decolonizing tourism and the need to expand travel writing and culture. Srin Madipalli is a Product Manager at Airbnb with a focus on making travel easier for people with disabilities. Srin will share his experiences as a disabled traveler and about Accomable, a travel platform for people with disabilities he co-founded that was recently acquired by Airbnb.

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[Ep 61: Poetry with Khairani Barokka](#)

Episode Info

October 6, 2019

Today's episode is on poetry with [Khairani Barokka](#), an Indonesian disabled writer, poet, and artist based in the UK. I'm not all that knowledgeable about poetry and Khairani helped me understand that poetry is all around us and that there's something for everyone. Khairani will recite one of her poems and talk about her experiences as a co-editor for the anthology, [Stairs and Whispers: D/deaf and Disabled Poets Write Back](#), published by Nine Arches Press.

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[Ep 62: Black Disabled Women in Media with Kym Oliver and Jay Abdullahi](#)

Episode Info

October 20, 2019

Today's episode is about Black disabled women in media. I'm in conversation with the goddesses behind Triple Cripples: [Kym Oliver](#) and [Jay Abdullahi](#). Triple Cripples is a project created to highlight the narratives of Black & non-Black Women, Femmes & Non-Binary People of Colour, living with disabilities whose stories would otherwise remain hidden from view. You'll hear Kym and Jay talk about the origins of Triple Cripples, the lack of representation of Black disabled women in media, the racism they face as Black disabled women in the UK, their vision for culture change, and the future of their platform.

Transcripts

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Related Links

[Triple Cripples on YouTube](#)

[Ep 63: Climate Change with Layel Camargo & Elena Aurora and Alex Ghenis](#)

Episode Info

November 2, 2019

Today's episode is about climate change with Layel Camargo and Elena Aurora, the creators of [Woke n Wasteless](#), and Alex Ghenis, a Policy and Research Specialist at the [World Institute on Disability](#). You're going to learn about consumption, capitalism, zero waste, climate resilience, and how people impacted the most are the ones with the wisdom and creative solutions. You'll also learn about the relationship between, conflict, migration, and climate change.

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[Ep 64: Disabled Teachers with Travis Chi Wing Lau and Dayniah Manderson](#)

Episode Info

November 18, 2019

Today's episode is about disabled teachers with [Travis Chi Wing Lau](#) and [Dayniah Manderson](#). Travis is a postdoctoral fellow in English at The University of Texas at Austin, and Dayniah teaches 8th grade at Mott Hall Community School in the Bronx, NYC. You'll hear both Travis and Dayniah talk about their approach to teaching, what they enjoy about being teachers, what's unique about being a disabled teacher, and the challenges facing the teaching profession in both universities and city public school systems.

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[Ep 65: Black Mental Health with Imade Nibokun](#)

Episode Info

December 1st, 2019

Today's episode is about Black Mental Health with Imade Nibokun. Imade is a mental health advocate and the creator of Depressed While Black, a website featuring mental health stories from a Black lens. You'll hear Imade talk about her experiences in the mental health system, missing narratives in Black mental health, and the need for culturally competent and peer-led care. Please note the following content warnings for this episode: forced medication, restraint, eugenics, medical trauma, coercion, suicidal ideation, and hospitalization.

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[Ep 66: Cyborgs with Ashley Shew and Jillian Weise](#)

Episode Info

December 18, 2019

Today's episode is about cyborgs with [Ashley Shew](#) and [Jillian Weise](#). Ashley is an assistant professor at Virginia Tech in the Science, Technology, and Society department. Her current work centers on the idea of technoableism, a critical lens to narratives about technology, and disability. Jillian is a poet, performance artist, and disability rights activist. Jillian has written about being a cyborg for *Granta* and the *New York Times*. The three of us share our shared identities as cyborgs and what that means to us. You'll also learn more about tryborgs and technoableism and how they relate to disabled people.

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[Ep 67: Disabled Actors with Liz Carr](#)

Episode Info

December 29, 2019

Today's episode features an interview with [Liz Carr](#), an actor, activist and comedian based in the UK. I first listened to Liz when she was a co-host for the BBC *Ouch* podcast with [Mat Fraser](#). Hearing two disabled people cackle and joke was a revelation many years ago. There's no doubt in my mind that Liz and Mat influenced me as a podcaster on how important it is to have disabled people in conversation together. You'll hear Liz talk about her acting career and the challenges she faces in fighting for characters and storylines that matter. We also discuss her lead role as cripky smartass forensic examiner Clarissa Mullery in BBC's long running drama, "[Silent Witness](#)."

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[Ep 68: Accessibility with Shannon Finnegan](#)

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January 12, 2020

Today's episode is about accessibility with [Shannon Finnegan](#), a multidisciplinary artist making work about disability culture and access. In 2018, Shannon received a Wynn Newhouse Award and participated in Art Beyond Sight's Art + Disability Residency. Last year, she was a resident at Eyebeam. Shannon will share about what access means to her and her work as a disabled artist interrogating access and ableism. Please note we recorded this conversation in early 2019.

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[Ep 69: Theatre with Jason Dorwart and Samuel Valdez](#)

Episode Info

January 26, 2020

Today's episode is all about theatre with [Jason Dorwart](#) and Samuel Valdez. Jason is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Theater at Oberlin College, and he recently directed a play by John Belluso titled Body of Bourne. Samuel is an actor, playwright, and director who has worked with several groups around San Diego such as Sledgehammer Theater, Chronos Theater, Los Amigos del REP, and currently his own performing arts bi-national company, CARPA San Diego. Both Jason and Samuel share how they became involved in theatre and the work that remains in making theatre more accessible and inclusive of disabled people.

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[Ep 70: Black Deaf Filmmakers with Jade Bryan](#)

Episode Info

February 10, 2020

Today's episode features an interview with [Jade Bryan](#), a Black Deaf creator, screenwriter, Executive Producer, and film director. Jade is also the founder of [Jade Films and Entertainment](#), a multimedia company. Jade will talk about growing up Deaf and how she became involved in filmmaking. You'll also learn about the Deaf Talent movement she formed in 2012 which originally centered on Black Deaf Talent and POC Deaf Talent (people of color).

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[Ep 71: Games with André J. Daughtry and Cherry Thompson](#)

Episode Info

February 24, 2020

Today's episode is about gaming, and in particular, disabled people who play games. I get to talk with two cool people about their love of gaming and the communities they are a part of online: [André J. Daughtry](#) and [Cherry Thompson](#). André is a lifelong avid gamer and disability advocate who streams on Twitch, a live streaming platform for gamers and other activities. Cherry is a games accessibility specialist and developer with a keen focus on systems design and user experience.

*Content notes: Please note during this episode there will be discussions of suicide, harassment, bullying, and hate.

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[Ep 72: Disabled Curators with Anna Berry](#)

Episode Info

March 8, 2020

Today's episode is about curation with artist [Anna Berry](#). Anna is the first curator-in-residence in a programme created by [DASH](#), a visual arts charity in the UK led by disabled people that connects disabled curators to major visual arts organizations. I spoke with Anna last year in the middle of her residency at the [Midlands Art Center](#) which is located in the city of Birmingham. For folks in the Midlands region of the UK, the exhibit Anna curated, titled, ["Art and Social Change: The Disability Arts Movement,"](#) is open now until March 22, 2020. In our conversation, Anna is going to demystify what curation is, she'll also share her experiences of making her access needs known during her residency, and why we need more disabled curators in the arts.

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Ep 73: Housing with Sean Betouliere and Ian Smith

Episode Info

March 21, 2020

Today's episode is about housing with [Sean Betouliere](#) and [Ian Smith](#). Sean and Ian will discuss the case of Smith v. City of Oakland, a class action lawsuit brought by Disability Rights Advocates and the [Public Interest Law Project \(PILP\)](#) in August 2019. The case alleges Oakland renters who need to live in accessible units are either shut out of the City's rent control protections entirely or forced to live in inaccessible units. Sean is a Staff Attorney at DRA and Ian is one of the main plaintiffs in addition to Sunday Parker and Mitch Jeserich.

*Please note our conversation took place on October of 2019 so some things may have changed since then. The case is ongoing, and you can find out the latest on DRA's website: [DRAlegal.org](https://dralegal.org).

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[Ep 74: Coronavirus and Caregiving with Heather Watkins and Dawn Gibson](#)

Episode Info

April 5, 2020

What a time to be alive right now, huh? How are you all holding up? Me, I'm honestly trying not to freak out. The shit is real. What gives me hope and keeps me going is seeing the wisdom of disabled, chronically ill, older, and immunocompromised people in the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic. We have seen and been through things.

Today's episode is about the coronavirus and caregiving with [Dawn Gibson](#) and [Heather Watkins](#). Dawn is the founder and host of the Spoonie Chat, an online community on Twitter and Facebook. She's also a patient advocate, writer, and consultant. Heather is a Boston-based disability rights activist, author, mother, and speaker. Dawn and Heather talk about how they are taking care of themselves right now, the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on their daily lives, and their experiences as caregivers. I believe we are modern-day oracles, and it's time for people to listen to us.

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[Ep 74a: Coronavirus and Spirituality with Elliot Kukla](#)

Episode Info

April 12, 2020

Today's episode is about the coronavirus and spirituality with Elliot Kukla, a rabbi at the [Bay Area Jewish Healing Center](#) in San Francisco where he has provided spiritual care to those who are dying, ill, or bereaved since 2008. I got a chance to talk with Elliot about a recent essay he wrote for *The New York Times* titled ["My Life Is More 'Disposable' During This Pandemic."](#) Elliot is grateful to his partner Abby Weintraub for her care and collaboration that makes all his work possible.

Please note there will be discussions of genocide, the Holocaust, eugenics, and intergenerational trauma.

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[Ep 75: Coronavirus and Disaster Planning with Germán Luis Parodi and Valerie Novack](#)

Episode Info

April 18, 2020

Today's episode is about natural disasters and emergency preparedness with Germán Luis Parodi and Valerie Novack. German is the Co-Executive Director of The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies, a coalition of local, national and global disability rights, emergency management, public health and community leaders and allies committed to equal access and whole community inclusion before, during and after disasters. Valerie Novack is a Board Chair of the Partnership. We'll talk about the interconnections between pandemics and disaster planning, systemic issues that impact the disability community, and the need for improvements in infrastructure.

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[The Partnership Disaster Hotline during COVID-19](#)

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[In California wildfires, disabled people may be left behind](#), Alice Wong, November 13, 2018, Curbed SF.

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[Ep 76: Film Festivals with Alex Locust and Karen Nakamura](#)

Episode Info

May 4, 2020

Today's episode is about film festivals. I speak with [Alex Locust](#) and [Karen Nakamura](#), two jury members for the [Superfest International Disability Film Festival](#), organized by the [Paul K. Longmore Institute on Disability](#) at San Francisco State University. Alex and Karen talk about what it's like to be on a jury, what it means to have a film festival that's radically inclusive and centered on disabled audiences, and how festivals like Superfest are advancing disability representation.

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[Ep 77: Mental Health Advocacy with Kathy Flaherty](#)

Episode Info

May 30, 2020

For Mental Health Awareness Month, I speak with [Kathy Flaherty](#) about mental health advocacy. Kathy is the Executive Director of [Connecticut Legal Rights Project](#), providing legal services to low-income individuals with mental health conditions related to treatment, recovery, and civil rights. Kathy combines her personal experience as a recipient of mental health services and her legal background to speak to issues affecting those living with mental health conditions.

*Content warnings: This interview will discuss the following topics that may be traumatic and triggering: gun violence, hospitalization, psychiatric institutions, forced medication, suicide, and suicidal ideation.

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[Ep 78: Hate Crimes with Sachin Pavithran](#)

Episode Info

June 1, 2020

Today's episode is about hate crimes with [Dr. Sachin Pavithran](#), the Director of Policy at the Center for Persons with Disabilities at Utah State University. Sachin is also a member of the Access Board, an independent federal agency and President of the Board of AUCD ([Association of University Centers on Disabilities](#)). We talked in October last year about his personal experiences, and please note there will be discussions on hate, hate crimes, racism, racial profiling, police brutality, xenophobia, and violence.

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[Ep 79: Disabled Candidates with Amanda Siebe](#)

Episode Info

June 15, 2020

Today's episode features a conversation with [Amanda Siebe](#), a disabled candidate who ran for a Congressional House seat representing District One in Oregon. Please note that Amanda and I spoke last year before the recent May primary. Unfortunately, Amanda was not elected as the candidate for the Democratic general election but you will hear about her experiences running for office, her platform, and why political change and representation is so important.

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[Q&A with Amanda Siebe, October 15, 2019, #CripTheVote](#)

[Ep 37: Political Participation with Reyma McCoy McDeid and Sarah Funes](#)

[Ep 80: Fashion with Stephanie Thomas](#)

Episode Info

June 28, 2020

Today's episode is about fashion with [Stephanie Thomas](#). Stephanie is a Disability Fashion Styling Expert and Founder and CEO of [Cur8able](#), a business dedicated to the art and science of dressing with disabilities. For over two decades she's researched clothing and retail trends exclusively for people with disabilities. As an amputee herself, Stephanie believes this is more than her profession; it's her lived experience.

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[Ep 81: Bioethics with Joe Stramondo](#)

Episode Info

July 12, 2020

Today I'm in conversation with [Dr. Joe Stramondo](#), assistant professor of philosophy and associate director of the Institute for Ethics and Public Affairs at San Diego State University. His teaching and writing focus primarily on the intersection of philosophy of disability and bioethics. We spoke in late April of this year after we were both on *Ethics Talk*, a podcast by the *AMA Journal on Ethics*. Joe will describe how he got into philosophy and bioethics, what bioethics is, and some of his recent writing on the impact of the pandemic on disabled people.

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[Ep 82: Americans with Disabilities Act with Alice Wong](#)

Episode Info

July 26, 2020

Today is July 26, 2020 and the 30th anniversary of the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#) (ADA). I'm much more comfortable asking questions, but I'm gonna share my personal story with you all on this occasion in this interview by my friend Rochelle Kwan. The tables are turned! Rochelle is the Community Producer for the podcast [Self Evident](#) and the storytelling team lead at [Think!Chinatown](#), a community organization based in New York City Chinatown. I first met Rochelle when she worked at StoryCorps, and we immediately bonded about Lunar New Year festivities and dumplings. You'll hear about my early years, the influence of the ADA on my life, my thoughts about the future of accessibility, and more.

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[Ep 82a: Americans with Disabilities Act with Conchita Hernandez Legorreta](#)

Episode Info

July 26, 2020

Surprise! This is a bonus episode talking about disability rights and the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). I spoke with [Conchita Hernandez Legorreta](#) for an upcoming conversation on immigration, disability rights, leadership, and the ADA. Here is a short excerpt from my interview with Conchita. You can also learn more about Conchita in [Episode 90 of this podcast](#).

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[#ADA30InColor: 13 essays by disabled people of color on disability rights and justice](#)

[Ep 83: Disabled Dancers with India Harville](#)

Episode Info

August 8, 2020

Today's episode is all about disabled dancers with [India Harville](#), an African American queer disabled femme teacher, somatic bodyworker, dancer, instructor, activist, and educator. You'll hear India talk about how she became involved in dance and what it means to her, what accessed centered movement is and how it's rooted in disability justice, and the connections between bodywork, dance, and healing. Please note our conversation took place in January of 2020, before the coronavirus pandemic.

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[Ep 84: Anthologies with Kelly Jensen](#)

Episode Info

August 23, 2020

Today's episode is all about anthologies with [Kelly Jensen](#), a writer and editor who has a new anthology out now titled [Body Talk: 37 Voices Explore Our Radical Anatomy](#). I also have a new anthology out this summer titled *Disability Visibility* and am so excited to have this conversation with Kelly as two disabled editors. You'll hear about the unique aspects of anthologies, Kelly's approach to finding contributors and editing their writing, and wondrous radicalness of bodies. And full disclosure, I have an essay in Body Talk about saliva and you can read [a short excerpt here](#).

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[Ep 85: Fat Liberation with Max Airborne and Caleb Luna](#)

Episode Info

September 7, 2020

Today's episode is all about fat liberation with [Max Airborne](#) and [Caleb Luna](#). Max is an organizer for collective liberation, rooted in fat liberation and disability justice. They co-founded Fat Rose and are an organizer for the No Body Is Disposable campaign. Caleb is a performer-scholar-activist. They are a Ph.D. candidate in Performance Studies at UC Berkeley, where their research focuses on historicizing performances of eating and cultural representations and fat embodiment. Max and Caleb will talk about their lived experiences as fat people, the hate, violence, and oppression toward fat people and what fat politics and liberation is all about.

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[Ep 86: Transportation with Maddy Ruvolo](#)

Episode Info

September 20, 2020

Today's episode is about transportation with [Maddy Ruvolo](#). Maddy is a disabled urban planner passionate about transportation access for the disability community. She just graduated this year from UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs. Maddy will share the results from [a survey she conducted](#) of people with disabilities in San Francisco about new mobility technologies and services. You'll learn more about new mobility and Maddy's vision for inclusive and accessible cities in the future.

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[The Untokening](#) is a multiracial collective that centers the lived experiences of marginalized communities to address mobility justice and equity.

["American cities are a nightmare for disabled people. Coronavirus is giving us a chance to change that,"](#) Luke Ottenhof, July 29, 2020, Mic.

[Ep 87: Climate Action with Kera Sherwood-O'Regan](#)

Episode Info

October 5, 2020

Today's episode is on climate action with [Kera Sherwood-O'Regan](#), an Indigenous multidisciplinary storyteller and activist based in Aotearoa, also known as New Zealand. Kera's work and activism centers structurally oppressed communities in social change, and crosses the intersections of Indigenous and disability rights, health, and climate change. Kera will share about her involvement in climate activism and its intersections with disability and Indigenous activism and why climate movements must center Indigenous and disabled people.

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[Ep 63: Climate Change with Layel Camargo & Elena Aurora and Alex Ghenis](#)

[Ep 88: Policy with Liz Weintraub](#)

Episode Info

October 19, 2020

Today's episode features an interview with [Liz Weintraub](#). Liz is an advocate who has held many board and advisory positions at state and national organizations. She is a full time member of the policy team for the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, and she is also the host of [Tuesdays With Liz: Disability Policy For All](#), where she talks about policy in accessible language. You'll learn how Liz got involved in disability policy, why she loves it, and why it matters. Please note our conversation took place before the coronavirus pandemic.

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[Liz Weintraub Testifies on How Judge Kavanaugh Would Treat Disabled Individuals](#)

[Race and Disability with AUCD Board President Sachin Pavithran](#)

[Ep 89: Museums with Amanda Cachia](#)

Episode Info

November 1, 2020

Today we're talking about museums with [Amanda Cachia](#), an independent curator and critic from Sydney, Australia now based in the U.S. Her research focuses on modern and contemporary art; [curatorial studies and activism](#); [exhibition design and access](#); [decolonizing the museum](#); and the politics of embodied disability language in visual culture. You'll hear Amanda talk about her scholarship and work as a disabled curator, museum accessibility during this pandemic, how curators can make accessibility part of their practices, and how technology can bring people closer to art in new ways.

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[Ep 90: Disabled Immigrants with Conchita Hernandez Legorreta](#)

Episode Info

November 15, 2020

Every political issue is a disability issue, and as the daughter of immigrants, I know that immigration is an important disability issue. Today I talk with [Conchita Hernandez Legorreta](#) about her experiences as a disabled immigrant. Conchita was born in Mexico and grew up in California. She advocates for the rights of blind children and their parents in the public-school setting in the United States and abroad. Conchita is the founder and Chair of METAS, [Mentoring Engaging and Teaching All Students](#), a non-profit organization that trains educators in Latin America that work with blind and low-vision students and students with other disabilities. She's also a co-founder of the [National Coalition of Latinx with Disabilities](#) that seeks to amplify the voices of disabled Latinx in the disability rights movement. For more after this episode check out another short interview I did with Conchita for the podcast about the 30th anniversary of the ADA which is [episode 82a](#).

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[Ep 91: Disabled Engineers with Emily Ackerman](#)

Episode Info

November 29, 2020

Today's episode features an interview with [Emily Ackerman](#), a doctoral candidate in chemical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh and a disabled activist. Emily will talk about how she got into chemical engineering, her advice for disabled students who want to be scientists, her experiences last year on campus with a delivery robot, and the importance of accessibility in the design and development of technology.

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[Ep 92: Disabled Afro-Latina Artists with Jen White-Johnson](#)

Episode Info

December 12, 2020

Today's episode features an interview with [Jen White-Johnson](#), an Afro-Latina disabled artist, photographer, educator, designer, and Assistant Professor of Visual Communication at Bowie State University. Jen will talk about how being the parent of a neurodivergent Black son politicized her and her work in the midst of racist violence and police brutality this year. You'll hear her describe one of several graphics she created this year that features the raised solidarity fist in black with an infinity sign at the wrist with the words "Black Disabled Lives Matter" below. You can find more of Jen's work at [JenWhiteJohnson.com](#).

Please note this interview contains mentions of antiblackness, violence, and police brutality.

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[Ep 93: Indigenous Disabled Creators with Johnnie Jae](#)

Episode Info

December 26, 2020

Today's episode features an interview with [Johnnie Jae](#), who is from the Otoe-Missouria and Choctaw tribes of Oklahoma. Johnnie is a journalist, organizer, creator, futurist, and founder of [A Tribe Called Geek](#), an award-winning media platform for Indigenous Geek Culture and STEM, and #Indigenerds4Hope, a suicide prevention initiative designed to educate, encourage, and empower Native youth. Johnnie will talk about her experiences accessing healthcare and staying safe as an immunocompromised person, the pandemic's impact on disabled Indigenous people, the systemic inequalities facing Indigenous communities, and the movement to remove racist imagery and terms in popular culture.

Please note there will be discussions about hospitalization, genocide, settler colonialism, medical racism, racist mascots.

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[Ep 94: Healthcare Rationing with Britney Wilson](#)

Episode Info

January 10, 2021

Today's episode is about healthcare allocation in the time of COVID with [Britney Wilson](#), a civil rights attorney with the [National Center for Law and Economic Justice](#). This center, along with three other disability rights organizations, filed a class action complaint in October 2020 against the State of New York. The lawsuit challenges the New York State Ventilator Allocation Guidelines as discriminatory. Britney will talk about her role in the case, how these existing guidelines are ableist and harm disabled people, and the goals are from the lawsuit. Please note we talked in November 2020, and I included a short update at the end of the episode.

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[Ep 95: Black Doctors with Disabilities](#)

Episode Info

January 23, 2021

Today I'm in conversation with [Dr. Justin Bullock](#). Justin is currently an Internal Medicine Resident in San Francisco, California. You'll hear Justin talk about his experiences disclosing his disability at work, the process he had to go through to prove his fitness to serve as a physician because of his disability, the systemic ableism and racism in medicine and medical education, and the benefits and risks of telling your story and being visible. You'll also hear Justin talk about article he wrote in the *New England Journal of Medicine* titled "[Suicide—Rewriting my story,](#)" which describes his battle with bipolar disorder and suicidality during undergraduate and graduate medical education.

Please note our conversation took place in September 2020, and there will be discussions of hospitalization, death and dying, suicidality, suicidal ideation, and trauma.

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[Ep 96: Art and Technology with Lindsey D. Felt and Vanessa Chang](#)

Episode Info

February 7, 2021

Today's episode is about art and technology featuring a conversation with [Lindsey D. Felt](#) and [Vanessa Chang](#). Lindsey and Vanessa curated [Recoding CripTech](#), a multidisciplinary art exhibition at [SOMArts Cultural Center](#), in San Francisco in early 2020. You'll learn about how their collaboration and friendship started, curating this exhibit, some of the disabled artists in the exhibit, and why CripTech, disability culture, and accessibility is more important than ever in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

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[Ep 97: Disabled Refugees with Mustafa Rfat](#)

Episode Info

February 21, 2021

Today I'm in conversation with Mustafa Rfat, a graduate student in the Public Administration Program at West Virginia University. He's also a trainee at [Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities \(LEND\)](#) at the university. Mustafa came to the U.S. as a refugee from Iraq in 2011. You'll hear Mustafa talk about his experience as a refugee, his adjustment to life in the United States, and unique challenges and needs of refugees with disabilities.

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[Ep 98: Disabled Students with Alena Morales](#)

Episode Info

March 2, 2021

Today I'm in conversation with Alena Morales, who will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Nutritional Sciences with a minor in Disability Studies at UC Berkeley in Spring 2021. Alena is a queer disabled advocate of color and the former Chair and Co-Founder of the Disabled Students Commission. Through loving interdependence and collective labor with her fellow crips, she co-created one of the few Disability Cultural Centers in the country at UC Berkeley. You'll hear Alena talk about developing her disability identity, finding community, and getting involved in community organizing at school.

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[Ep 99: Online Activism with Andrew Pulrang and Gregg Beratan](#)

Episode Info

March 21, 2021

Today I'm in conversation with my friends [Andrew Pulrang](#) and [Gregg Beratan](#). The three of us are co-partners in #CripTheVote, an online movement encouraging the political participation of disabled people that we started in 2016. You'll hear us talk about the origins of #CripTheVote, the differences between the 2016 and 2020 election on disability policies and engagement, and looking ahead with the Biden/Harris administration. Please note our conversation took place in December 2020, a few weeks after the Presidential election.

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[Ep 100: Podcasting with Geraldine Ah-Sue, Cheryl Green, and Sarika Mehta](#)

Episode Info

April 5, 2021

Today's subject is this podcast because it's episode 100!! Whether this is the first time you're listening or if you're a longtime listener, this podcast is co-audio produced by three people and myself: [Sarika Mehta](#), [Geraldine Ah-Sue](#), and [Cheryl Green](#). I'm proud to work with all three of them since the [podcast started in 2017](#). You'll hear us talk about the lack of disabled voices in radio or podcasts, our collaborative process, and the future of the podcast. And this is a supersized episode! After the conversation, you'll hear some feedback from podcast listeners.

And now for a very important update. Friends, this is the last episode of the *Disability Visibility Podcast*. I'll talk about how I came to this decision in the conversation with Geraldine, Sarika, and Cheryl. I hope you will continue to subscribe because I may still produce other audio stories in the future, just not regular podcast episodes. It has been an absolute joy to create and collaborate with so many awesome people.

In addition to Sarika, Cheryl, and Geraldine, I want to thank [Mike Mort](#) for creating the logo, [Wheelchair Sports Camp](#) for allowing me to use two of their songs as the theme music, and [Lateef McLeod](#) for the introduction. I also want to thank the 100+ guests for sharing their wisdom and time and for trusting their story with me. And most importantly, I want to thank YOU. This is not the end, but the beginning of new adventures. Thank you for being in community with me.

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Geraldine Ah-Sue is a cultural activist and independent radio producer primarily interested in stories shared by BIPOC communities about culture, community, and love. She has produced stories for outlets such as KALW's newsmagazine show Crosscurrents and APEX Express on KPFA. She was the producer and host of the second season of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art's podcast Raw Material, which focused on the intersections between art, community and social justice. Currently, she is enjoying working on her independent creative project.

[Cheryl Green](#), Audio Producer and Transcriber

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[Sarika D. Mehta](#), Audio Producer

Sarika Mehta, originally from Chicago's suburbia, loves things music, dance, and all that jazz. She's been a producer with APA Compass radio collective, founded and hosted the podcast *Intersections Radio*, anchored the KBOO Evening News, and of course served as a producer for Alice Wong's *Disability Visibility Project Podcast*. Currently she is the host and founder of *Diaspora Blues Radio* where she nerds out with her favorite artists. Her fascination with languages led her to the worlds of Sign Language Interpreting and journalism for the ears. She's a busy mama with two little beautiful boys and she's been known to make stuffed animals out of excellently patterned socks. Keep up at [SarikaDMehta.com](#).